

# TEC

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## THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

Volume X No. 4 - - - Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1975

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### PRESIDENT'S DESK



First I would like to thank all the past officers who have helped me through out the past two years. A special thanks goes to Lloyd E. Wagaman, Ruby Threlkeld, Chester Grabowski and my husband Al Kirka for all the extra work they have done for me. With their extra help my job was much easier.

Now I would like to thank all those members that have re-elected me as president again for two more years. I will do my best and work hard for TEC.

There are always a few you will never please, but I will try just the same. Thanks again for re-electing me your president. Ask not what I can do for T.E.C., but ask what you can do to help T.E.C.

I am still the TEC editor and Al my co-editor and I will be on the look out for some good articles for the TEC NEWS. So don't keep good news to yourself, let us know about it. I will keep this as a family style newsletter and will keep all derogatory articles out. I will not air out your troubles in the TEC NEWS. I will also keep out all name calling in articles as I have done in the past four years. There are plenty of nice articles you can write about, like about elongated coins etc. Without good articles, there would be no TEC NEWS, so get busy and start writing a few good articles about your nice collection of elongated coins.

I am very proud of my new slate of officers and I know each and everyone will work hard and help me in every way that they can. Each officer has promised to answer my letters at once. This is a must with the officers, when we all live so far apart. I would like to say at this time that we all wanted Lloyd and Alberta to run for an office again, but both declined this offer. We respected their wishes and took them off the ballots. Lloyd assured me he would still help me out when ever he could and will still work for TEC. These people have put in a lot of hard work, time and money for TEC and

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its members these past four years that many members do not know of. Thank you Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman, we all love you both.

We will be working on plans through out the year for our 10th anniversary and we will write about it as we go along in the TEC NEWS. It's a little early to say who will be on the committee as of this writing as I still haven't unpacked from our trip. I can assure you, we will have a good working crew on the committee and I will pick members who will be in New York in 1976.

The meeting in Los Angeles, California was one of the most successful meetings on record. I wish to thank all those attending for making this possible. Don't forget our next years meeting, so start saving your money and make this a successful meeting too. We will see you in August in New York in 1976. God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Sally Kirka, Pres.

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### TEC BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - AUGUST 20, 1975

The Elongated Collectors annual Board of Governors meeting was held in the Continental Suite of the Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles, California on August 20, 1975.

The board meeting was called to order by President Sally Kirka at 1:00 P.M. The officers attending the meeting were President Sally Kirka, Secretary Al Kirka and board members Ruby Threlkeld and Harold Anderson.

A discussion was held about the cost of everything going up and the time has come where the TEC dues must be more than \$3.00. A motion was made by Harold Anderson and seconded by Ruby Threlkeld that dues be raised to \$5.00 starting with the first of the year.

A discussion was held as to how many badges should be rolled starting in 1976. Due to the cost of everything going up and not making enough profit from them, we will limit how many of them will be made next year. Also starting next year a motion was made and seconded to charge a dollar more for the badges which would make the badges \$3.00 at the convention and \$3.30 for the badges by mail. We will take orders for the convention badges starting the first of the year and will only make as many as are ordered.

It was also discussed that all officers should answer their mail and board actions at once and assist the president whenever they can.

The classified ads will be cut down to only a want list and only three lines to include name and address. This will be tried for one year. All for sale ads will go in TEC NEWS as paid ads.

A discussion of our tenth anniversary was held but no plans were made until the new officers take over.

Harold Anderson will look into the hotel situation for the ANA convention in New York. The price of the ANA Convention Hotel rooms are sky high and he will let us know of the hotels in the same area as the convention hotel.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Kirka, Sec.

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## PAST PRESIDENTS

Dottie Dow  
Lloyd E. Wagaman

## CLUB HISTORIAN

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ANA CLUB REPRESENTATIVE - Sally Kirka

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Membership dues in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS  
are \$3.00 per calendar year.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

## NOTICE!

## ALL ADVERTISERS

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready- Full page ad \$10.00, ½ page \$6.00, ¼ page \$3.50

Editor setup- Full page ad \$20.00, ½ page \$12.00, ¼ page \$7.00

## DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - Nov. 7th

Articles - Nov. 11th



## MINUTES OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL MEETING 8-22-75

The ninth annual meeting of The Elongated Collectors was held August 22, 1975 in the Dallas Room of the Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Kirka at 2:00 P.M. Other officers attending the meeting were Secretary Al Kirka and members of the Board of Governors present were Harold Anderson and Ruby Threlkeld. There were about a hundred and fifty members and guests attending the meeting by the time the meeting was concluded.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the eighth annual meeting in Bal Harbour, Florida as they were published in TEC NEWS. The secretary then read the minutes of the Board of Governors annual board meeting. It was all approved by the members.

In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary read the treasurers report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurers report as read.

President Sally Kirka asked for a discussion on anything that members would like to bring up about elongated coins. This got a little out of hand when members started to advertise just about everything they had for sale. President Sally Kirka announced that next year, only subjects pertaining to elongated coins should be brought up.

President Sally Kirka then presented some of the awards. The Presidents Award to the member who had helped the president the most was presented to Lloyd E. Wagaman, past president and board member. The president then told the members of all the things Lloyd has done and donated to TEC. Many members never knew of this. He not only donated the TEC Promotional elongated coin free to all members who earned it but never sent a bill for all the postage used for the last four years and I know this would amount to quite an amount. He also engraved and rolled the big special Merit Award coin without cost to TEC. Lloyd also did an outstanding job as award chairman. When ever he was asked to do something by the president he was always willing to help even though he himself was a very busy man. He also gave to members, free of charge a supplement to his book. No other person was more deserving than Lloyd E. Wagaman. We all thank you Lloyd.

Next President Sally Kirka presented (at her own expense) smaller Awards of Appreciation to four other members who have been of help to her throughout the year. These awards went to Al Kirka for his outstanding help, to Chester Grabowski for his work in helping the president when called upon when Al was in the hospital to get the TEC NEWS out. To Ruby Threlkeld for the outstanding job she has done as Historian on the TEC history book and the TEC Archives. We now have a history book and many coins in our TEC Archives that we can all be proud of. The fourth award went to Bob Luchtman who never has said "No" to Sally when asked to roll coins for TEC. Bob also rolled the quarters for the 1975 badges. These members all deserved a small token of appreciation the president said.

Ruby Threlkeld then presented Sally and Al Kirka a plaque for the best elongated coin rolled in the past year which was the St. Therese coin. Mrs. Threlkeld also presented another plaque of appreciation to the president which the president was grateful to receive.

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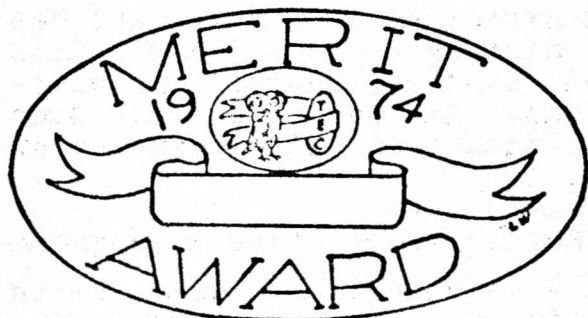
The most surprised person to receive an award was Charles Strickland who received the "Henry W. Blaha Memorial Award" for the best elongated coin exhibit at the convention. His exhibit really was outstanding and its title was, "Salute to America, Past and Present on Elongated Coins."

Then Al Kirka presented the president with a large hand carved wooden elongated coin made by Joe Rakaskas of Patterson, N.J. It told a story of President Sally Kirka on one side, by having painted on clubs, dates and conventions she has been to, on the other side was carved a 1974 Lincoln cent. All Mrs. Kirka could say was, "Beautiful and I'm very proud of it."

A letter (below) from award chairman, Lloyd E. Wagaman, was read by Ruby Threlkeld and winners of the Merit Award received the rolled Merit Award half dollar with their name engraved on it from President Sally Kirka.

## THE MERIT AWARD FOR 1974

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33  
Award Chairman



First I would like to congratulate all 10 of the recipients of the 1974 Merit Award. Not so much for the fact that they are receiving an elongated half dollar which will definitely be a rarity coin in any collection but mostly for the fact that it is from the hard work and time donated by these good people that we have a TEC to enjoy. TEC has been a

most successful club but success isn't something that just happens. It takes a lot of interest and hard work and when the workers slack off much hard gained ground can be lost. Its like being on a reducing diet. Its a tough job to lose that weight but just ease off on the diet and see how easy the problem returns.

All ten of the recipients received unanimous approval of the Board of Governors to be presented the 1974 Merit Award. It was the belief of the award committee and the board that all have been outstanding workers and are most worthy of the award.

For a word about the award coin itself. The engraving is rather crude and truthfully I should have started on it much sooner than I did. When I finally did get started on it, time was short and I couldn't give it the time it deserved. Present plans are for this same die to be re-engraved with the date changed to 1975 and use again for next years awards. I believe the re-engraved version will be much nicer than the original and is an award that will be well worth working for.

There were 11 of these award coins rolled. One for each of the 10 voted recipients and 1 for the TEC Archives. The coins are not serial numbered but each of the 11 pieces have the recipients name engraved on them which verifies the count. There are no unengraved coins. I would like to add that we are grateful to Gordon Greene, owner of Galaxie Designs of Anaheim, Calif., for the engraving of recipients names on the coins.

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Listed below are the 10 recipients awarded the Merit Award for 1974.

Sally Kirka

Nominated by Lloyd E. Wagaman

For outstanding contributions of time, work and money as President of T E C. Also in appreciation of the many hours she has spent to bring us TEC NEWS. She and Al also donated the free elongateds sent out with the Jan.-Feb.-Mar. 1974 issue of TEC NEWS. Also promoted elongateds with many exhibits and speaking engagements.

Al Kirka

Nominated by Sally Kirka

For exceptional services as Secretary of T E C and also for the many hours of typing and writing necessary to fulfill his job as co-editor of TEC NEWS. Also for donating coins to be given with Jan.-Feb.-Mar. 1974 TEC NEWS. He has also been very active in exhibiting and speaking.

Ruby Threlkeld

Nominated by Sally Kirka

For the outstanding job she is doing as Historian of T E C. She has done a fine job of putting together a history book of T E C. This is a fine book, complete with many good stories, photos, and clippings as well as much of her own writings. She has spent much time in letter writing and so forth to obtain much information and other data as possible for the T E C Archives.

Burton Neal Levy

Nominated by Lloyd E. Wagaman

For exceptional work with the Midwest Elongated Collectors. He is President of the group and by far their most active member. Has made many fine exhibits at different coin clubs and coin shows in the Chicago area. Has put together a very fine slide program about elongateds which he has shown and narrated before many groups. This slide program is offered by Mr. Levy at no charge (except postage) to any T E C member so that it may be seen nation wide. He is also the Editor of their very fine newsletter. He would be most deserving of the award.

Eric H. Goodwin

Nominated by Lloyd E. Wagaman  
and James R. Davisson

Donated coins to be given with each copy of TEC NEWS Apr.-May-June 1974 issue. Has promoted T E C and elongated coins by continuous speaking, exhibiting and writing. Had write up in Coin World which offered his elongated coin card free to Coin World readers. With each coin sent to Coin World readers he enclosed a T E C membership form and as a direct result of this promotion he obtained at least 16 new members for T E C. He has been exceptionally active with written articles and paid ads for TEC NEWS.

Pearl Crabb

Nominated by William C. Henderson

Ten out of the twelve months of 1974, she provided monthly exhibit talks about elongated coins before the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society. She would have attained her objective of twelve consecutive months, had it not been for emergency surgery and hospitalization. During National Coin Week (1974) she had an outstanding exhibit of elongates at the Pikes Peak National Bank, for which she was awarded

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one of the National Coin Week Medals by the A N A. She was presented the "Distinguished Service Award" for 1974 by the Colorado Numismatic Society, Award plaque signed by Adna G. Wilde, Jr., President.

Lloyd E. Wagaman

Nominated by Sally Kirka

For all the coins he has donated all year long (1974) and for all the time and outstanding work he put in as chairman of the Awards committee.

Lee Martin

Nominated by Lloyd E. Wagaman

Author and publisher of "TODAYS ELONGATEDS". Also profits from the sale of this fine book was distributed equally among the three elongated coin clubs.

Bob Luchtman

Nominated by Sally Kirka

For the many elongated coins he rolled and donated to T E C. Also 1974 convention badges which he made at cost. Rolled and donated coins which were sent free to members along with the July-Aug.-Sept. 1974 issue of TEC NEWS.

Coin World

Nominated by Lloyd E. Wagaman

For exceptional coverage of elongated coins. Elongated coins have had very little publicity in any other publication, while Coin World has had write ups, most with photos in nearly every issue. Many issues have had as many as 4 or 5 different articles in the one issue. Coin World would be a most worthy recipient of the Merit Award.

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The secretary then read the results of the election for TEC officers. The ballots were counted by George Kesterson and his committee. The newly elected officers are:-

President - Sally Kirka

Vice-President-Ruby Threlkeld

Secretary - Al Kirka

Treasurer - Chester Grabowski

Board of Governors

Harold Anderson

John Gubata

Richard Townsend

These officers will serve TEC for the next two years. The past president and newly elected president was then presented the past Presidents Plaque by the secretary.

Marie Trinny thanked the officers on a job well done throughout the year and a nice hand was given to all the officers. I'm sure this was appreciated by all.

Ruby Threlkeld and Harold Anderson then let the members draw for the free door prizes which were donated by the many members. Also a packet of elongated coins to each member attending the meeting and what was left over was given to the guests. I don't think anyone was missed and I think everyone went away with some coins.

Before the meeting ended all the members stood up and introduced themselves and said what state they were from. All in all this was a very nice meeting and had a nice turn-out of members. Hope to see you all at the next TEC meeting in New York.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Kirka, Secretary



## TREASURERS REPORT

Checking account report for year - Aug. 1, 1974 to Aug. 1, 1975

Balance as of Aug. 1, 1974 - - - - - \$ 565.39

Income for year, Aug. 1, 1974 to Aug. 1, 1975

Dues - - - - -	978.00
Sale of badges - - - - -	396.20
Payment for ads in TEC NEWS - - - - -	79.00
Don Miller donation - - - - -	2.00

Total income - - - \$2,020.59

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Expenses for year - Aug. 1, 1974 to Aug. 1, 1975

Secretaries postage and supplies - - - - -	\$ 63.84
Elongated coins for Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1974 issue of TEC NEWS - -	16.30
A.N.A. dues - - - - -	12.00
TAMS dues - - - - -	6.00
Printing "dues" envelopes - - - - -	21.50
Editors expenses - - - - -	26.76
Presidents expenses - - - - -	11.70
Badge refund - - - - -	2.30
A.N.A. Convention Patron listing - - - - -	10.00
Bank service charge - - - - -	3.56
Rolling of 1975 membership coins - - - - -	95.00
Purchase of quarters for 1975 convention badges - - - - -	50.00
Rolling of 1975 convention badges - - - - -	50.00
Purchase of ribbons for 1975 convention badges - - - - -	85.60
Cost of printing TEC NEWS, 4 issues - - - - -	776.04
Postage for mailing TEC NEWS, 4 issues - - - - -	203.33
To Mr. Trophy for Presidential Award Plaque - - - - -	23.50
To Mr. Trophy for Presidents Plaque - - - - -	25.50
Printing of ballots and envelopes - - - - -	10.21
Printing of front page for 4 issues of TEC NEWS for 1976 - - -	70.51

Total expenses - - - \$1,563.65

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Checking account balance as of Aug. 1, 1975 - - - - - \$ 456.94

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Savings account balance Aug. 2, 1974 - - - - -	\$1,259.18
Interest from Aug. 2, 1974 to Aug. 6, 1975 - - - - -	64.56
Savings account balance as of Aug. 6, 1975 - - - - -	\$1,323.74

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Present savings account balance as of Aug. 6, 1975 - - - - -	\$1,323.74
Present checking account balance as of Aug. 1, 1975 - - - - -	456.94
Total amount of TEC treasury in savings and checking accounts - - - - -	\$1,780.68

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Respectfully submitted,

Chester Grabowski, Treasurer

## LOS ANGELES CONVENTION REPORT

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.Friday, August 15th

We left Connecticut at 9 A.M., Conn. time and enjoyed our first flight over the big mountains. I got a funny feeling as we flew over that one of those mountains would get us, so I was hoping the pilot flew that plane high enough. We arrived in Los Angeles at 11:30 a.m. their time. It was a quick trip, but it really was a 5½ hour ride from Connecticut. I must say I liked the city of Los Angeles as we got off the plane on our way to the beautiful Marriott Hotel. The weather was cool for sunny California, but this is what I like.

We were a little surprised to see so many A.N.A. officials and A.N.A. members already there. Everyone came over and greeted us and I must say I enjoyed all those nice kisses I received from the A.N.A. board members etc. It was really a pleasure to meet them all. After visiting with all the early arrivals and looking the hotel over a little, Al and I decided to go to bed early and try to get up on the California time change. Before going to bed we watched the planes landing, one about every three minutes or so, so you can see how busy and big the airport in Los Angeles is.

Saturday, August 16th

We got up at 9 a.m. our time, but by California time everyone was still sleeping. We enjoyed an early breakfast, buffet style and ate papaya for the first time skin and all. The chef saw me and came over and showed me how to eat it and told me to never eat the skin. I told him I thought how hard the melons were. We later took a walk around the hotel and then sat around watching the many A.N.A. members that also were coming in early. I think everyone had the same idea as we did to come in a little early and rest up a couple days before the convention got started.

As we were sitting there who should come in but our good friends Walter and Connie Riley and her sister from New York. Walter belongs to many of my Connecticut coin clubs with me and we are both board members of the New England Numismatic Association. Walter and Connie already had seen half of California. I don't know where Walter gets all his pep, but he was on the go all the time he was there and you can't say they didn't enjoy the trip to California.

Sunday, August 17th

We still took things easy today and sort of relaxed all day. In the afternoon we sat in the lobby of our hotel listening to a Mexican band play Mexican music and listen to them sing the songs. We enjoyed this very much, even if we didn't know what they were singing, but the music was great. Later on we met Fred Mantel from New York. Fred by the way is on the committee of the A.N.A. convention for next year. Fred was a lot of help to us and helped us get a few things done early to avoid the rush which would start on Monday. If we needed help on anything Fred was sure to get it for us. Chuck Strickland was the next to arrive and he was so tired after riding the bus for three days, he nearly fell asleep while talking to us. Chuck still took us out to dinner that night as tired as he was. He stayed up a little longer and then went off to bed.

Monday, August 18th

This morning we were up bright and early as many of the TEC members would be arriving today. First on the scene was Dottie Dow and Harold Schmal. They were so loaded down with everything I thought they would stay a month. No, they had lots of business to do at the convention. It was good to see them both.

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In a few minutes in walked Ruby Threlkeld and it sure was good to see her as she did not think she would make it this year. Harold Butner and his wife met Ruby at the airport and brought her to the hotel. Harold told us later, he would pick us up the next day and take us for a ride all around Los Angeles. Ruby, Al and I were looking forward to this. I was glad I had my elongated coin exhibit all set up for the convention. I think even Chuck Strickland had his nice exhibits set up too. This way we would get a head start for our trip tomorrow. That night we all sat around and talked over what we all had been doing all year. Around then in walks in Richard Townsend from New York and George Kesterson from Texas. You sure could have lots of fun talking with George and I'm so glad we had met him. They had some fancy chairs which reminded me of a cobra so I called them the cobra chairs. It was real funny to be sitting in one of them, but we sat there every chance we got. Well as most had arrived that day, it meant going to bed early for everyone as tomorrow was a big day for everyone.

Tuesday, August 19th

Well today was the big day that the convention officially opened and Al and I had a lot of P.N. Covers to be cancelled at the convention. This was a must to have these cancelled on the first day of the convention. As we had all our things ready Ruby still had to get her badges etc. After rushing around for a few minutes we were ready and waiting for Harold Butner to come and take us sight seeing for the day. He was there right on time and we were on our way to Hollywood as that's what I've been wanting to see all my life. Harold didn't miss anything and let us see all the things we wanted to see. Yes we were on Hollywood and Vine too. It was a street like any street in anyones home-town, but it gave us a thrill just the same. We got to see all the mansions in Beverly Hills and that was really something to see. All I can say is a lot of rich people live there and the homes were really beautiful. I got to see the Pacific Ocean which I have been wanting to see also. We saw so many things that we read about in the newspapers and saw on T.V. that I said to Harold, "When I get home it will be like a dream to me." It may seem like a dream but I was there and it was all real. We all can't thank Harold Butner enough, so may God bless you for being so kind to us. We came back to the hotel a little tired, but we would not have missed this trip for the world.

That night all the TEC members had gathered around in the lobby again for a while, but now we had a party to go to. Dottie Dow was having a birthday party for Harold Schmal and we were all invited. I forgot to mention that Alice and Steve Penzes had arrived that morning. We were anxiously waiting for them for about three days. Alice and Steve came in around 4 A.M., that morning so were too tired to go to the party that night with us.

Dottie Dow had a nice little party with lots of goodies to eat, and a lot of nice give away gifts to give to her guests. Dottie had a large enough suite for all of this and I could say for one, we had a very nice time there. Yes there was plenty of coffee to drink too. Ruby Threlkeld was tired and went up to her room so Al and I went to sit in the lobby again. While there our NENA gang came by and asked us to go to George Hatie's party he was having in his beautiful penthouse suite. No, we weren't really invited but at these parties they don't really count heads. Anyhow George Hatie made us more than welcome by giving me a nice hug as we entered. Thank you George.

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Wednesday, August 20th

Everyone was up bright and early to have an early breakfast and to make our rounds of the bourse room again. This is a must to do every day, as we always miss something. There is so much to see here you'd have to spend about three days just looking around. Well the TEC family was here, but we all missed Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman. It just wasn't the same without them. Well maybe next year we will see them, anyhow we hope so. I did get a nice letter from Lloyd and he asked me to say hello to all his friends. This I did as many asked where they were.

In the afternoon the few officers that were there held our TEC Board meeting for an hour. Thanks to Arthur Pitts we had a very nice room for our meeting. The meeting turned out very well and much of our TEC business was take care of.

Later we all took off in different directions. As for Al and I we were back in our corner resting. That walking around sure gets you after awhile. All our friends knew where to find us all the time, if we weren't there when you came by there, just wait and we would show up in a little while. I can really say I enjoyed seeing all our friends again. We also met many new friends from California and it was nice meeting them too. Now I will know who I am writing to.

Thursday, August 21st

Today was IOWMC day for many of the TEC members, who are also members of IOWMC. Ruby Threlkeld and I had a board meeting to attend so we were at the board room by 9 a.m. Then from there we all got together with many of our friends and all had lunch. From there we rushed to a meeting we were having that afternoon. When that was over most of us were going to Pomona to a banquet that night. We all dashed for our driver who was taking us to Pomona, around 40 some miles away. This was no ride to take in the rush hour, but we had to, so we all had a ride we will never forget. There were 15 in the car we rode in and we had plenty of room. Two of the children sat under the seats somewhere. I guess they were alright as we did not hear a peep out of them. Talk about fun on this trip, so help me we had it. Walter Riley was the life of the party and really he could be so funny. We had to travel on six of those freeways to get to where we were going. We were riding so long Walter would yell to the driver, "Are we in Las Vegas yet" or "Are we in Alaska yet?" We finally got to Pomona to the private hall of Earl O'Cathey and his large museum. The first thing I did when we got there was to rush for the orange trees yelling to everyone, to come on and pick their own orange. That was the first time I got to pick my own orange and I enjoyed that. By then we were all a little hungry and it would be more than an hour before we ate. Just as the food was being put on the table, Earl O'Cathey said a prayer as everyone bowed their heads. As I was really hungry by then I slowly looked around and everyone had their heads bowed and eyes closed, I tried to do what every hungry person would do. I slowly tried to take Ruby Threlkeld's plate of roast beef, but Ruby caught me and pulled the plate back. So I ended up praying too and had to wait for my food. We had a very nice time there and another long ride back to the hotel. This time Walter Riley kept asking, "Are we near the Mexican border yet?" Really we did have a nice trip and had a very good driver. On those freeways you have to be a good driver. We got back late, but very happy after a very nice evening.

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Friday, August 22nd

This was TEC day, so we were up early and had a very nice buffet breakfast with Ruby Threlkeld. Then we all went up to our room to get the door prizes and give away bags ready for the TEC meeting. Believe me the time was flying now. Just before our meeting I met many of our TEC members from California. I was very pleased to meet everyone, but was very happy to meet Eric Goodwin, James Davisson and Bill Martin. I heard so much about them that I just had to meet them. Eric Goodwin just got out of the hospital, but still made it to the TEC meeting. I really liked everyone that we met, I only wished we had more time to talk with them all.

Then I met one of our new members, Leonard Schneider (a new roller) and a friend of his who has been rolling coins for over 40 years. As he told me this, all I could think of is all the unlisted elongated coins he must have. They both gave us all some very nice elongated coins and the engraving was very good. They both donated coins for the door prizes too. It was a real pleasure to talk to them both.

By 1 P.M. the TEC meeting room started to fill up so Al, Ruby, Harold and I were already at the head table. The room was filled up in no time. At times everyone was talking at once, but everyone was in a good mood. I don't know if I pleased everyone, but I tried. The meeting started on time and everyone had a chance to talk. The door prizes were given out while they lasted, then Harold Anderson and Ruby Threlkeld gave out a small bag of goodies to all TEC members first and what was left over was given to our guests. Everything worked out alright and everyone there received something. So thanks to the many TEC members who had donated the free elongated coins etc. to make this a nice meeting. God bless them all. The meeting lasted well over two hours. When it was over both Al and I were very tired, but very happy too. All I can say is what a nice group of people we have in TEC. Friendship is our most treasured gift. We can not buy it at any convention, no matter how hard we try. God loves us all and gives this friendship free to all of us. This nice day ended by Richard Townsend taking a few of us to a nice dinner and then to Dottie Dows suite to sit and rest.

Saturday, August 23rd

Ruby Threlkeld was leaving early today, so Al took her to the airport. Its kind of sad when its time for someone to leave. We say our goodbyes with a little tear in our eyes and hope we see each other again next year.

In the afternoon Alice and Steve Penzes, Ed and Ann Black, Richard Townsend, Harold Schmal and Al and I all went to the TAMS luncheon, where Dottie Dow is president of TAMS. We were all proud of her as we sat right in front. The speakers were great and the meal was great and we all had an enjoyable time at the TAMS luncheon.

Then we all went back to our hotel where someone said, the hotel just named my corner after me, "Sally's Corner", as thats where the TEC group always met. We always came back there to sit and talk. Chuck Strickland always made sure we all had chairs. I sometimes wondered what a person thought of as he stood up momentarily and Chuck took the chair from under them before they knew what happened. Anyhow, no one stood up for long while Chuck was around.

Sunday, August 24th

As more TEC members were leaving Al and I were a little tired and about ready to go home too, but we have one more day. George Kesterson came and said "Good-by" and I truthfully can say, Al and I

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## LOS ANGELES CONVENTION REPORT

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will truly miss that loveable man from Texas. It was really fun talking with him and we hope we see him again at another convention. Before George left he conferred on me the title of Honorary Citizen of the Empire of Texas, and I have a certificate to prove it too. The next time I visit Texas I will get a Red Carpet welcome. I hope.

In the afternoon Alice, Steve, Al and I and Chuck Strickland listened to the Mexican singers again as they put on a program in the lobby again. People were tired, yet some had the pep to dance to the music of the Mexican band. It was here that a nice young fellow came up to me and introduced himself as Eric Von de Camp Greenwood. He is one of our junior members and a nicer young fellow you couldn't meet. He introduced me to his mother and dad and Mrs. Greenwood asked how things were in Connecticut as she once lived here.

By 6:30 p.m. everyone came down dressed in their best gowns for the reception before the ANA banquet. Dottie Dow, Alice Penzes and Alice Anderson all looked pretty in their beautiful gowns. Even the men looked nice dressed in their fancy ruffled tux shirts. The ballroom looked beautiful when we walked in. We had a nice table, so everyone was happy. We enjoyed a nice meal and the program and the convention came to a close. We were tired, but a happy group of people saying goodbye to all our friends as most of us were leaving for home early in the morning.

Monday, August 26th

We were at the airport by 6:00 a.m. We didn't see a movie star while we were in Los Angeles, but one got on the plane with us. He rode in the seat in front of us to Connecticut. We got off the plane and my nephew met us, so I asked him if he saw Richard Widmark get off the plane before us, yes they got to see him too. So our happy trip came to an end. When we got home at 5:00 p.m. our Conn. time, Al and I went right to bed and slept 16 hours. Oh yes, we will see you all in New York at the ANA Convention in August 1976.

## ENJOYING BEING A MEMBER OF TEC

by Harold Snyder TEC #98  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

First of all I want to take this opportunity to say that I think we should all thank Sally and Al Kirka for the wonderful job they are doing as president and secretary of The Elongated Collectors. TEC NEWS seems to be getting larger and better with every issue, due to the combined efforts of both of them. I keep all of my TEC NEWS and file them for later use. I find they make excellent reading and are full of valuable information.

Speaking about elongated coins and my collection, I have added quite a few of the older elongated coins to my large collection during this past year. I've also bought many of the newer issues too. I have been buying from many of the members that have duplicates to sell and also bought a few from mail bid auctions. It is too bad that there are not more elongated coins made at the present time. I guess with all the inflation everything seems to be getting limited, as it costs too much to make them.

We can always enjoy what we have and add the older issues to our collection even if we cannot get the newer issues. Collecting elongated coins is a hobby that can be laid aside and worked on as time and money become more available. One elongated coin that would be very acceptable at the present time, is one of the Freedom Train, if one has not already been made. Perhaps some of the rollers will be making one, or more varieties of it. This would be nice to add to my collection.



## NOTES OF INTEREST

Anyone wishing to order \$10.00 worth or more of holders for elongated coins, please get in touch with John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33054. These holders are no longer being made by the company from which they were purchased before so John must place a large order before another company will even think of making these holders. So why not order some now from John. The smallest an order can be is for \$10.00 plus postage. Order as much as you want, but let John know as soon as you can. This is in TEC NEWS to help the many members who have asked me where they can buy holders for their elongated coins.

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Ed Black had ordered some elongated coins made for his coin clubs 2nd year anniversary. The club is selling this coin for \$1.00 each and a member can order these coins from Ed Black, P.O. Box 3328, Lakeland, Florida 33802. The coin is beautifully made as Ed has sent me a sample. So if you want one, why not send for one before they are sold out. Don't forget the stamped self addressed envelope.

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We only had about 22 members that have been dropped from the membership for not paying their 1975 dues. We are sorry to see this, but there is nothing we can do if dues are not paid after the final notice is sent. Starting January 1st dues will be \$5.00 a year and those not paying by March 31st will be dropped from the membership.

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All rollers who want to enter an elongated coin to be judged as "The Best Coin of the Year", please send the coin in before March 31 which is the deadline. The coin must have been rolled and issued in 1975. These coins will not be returned. I repeat, these coins will not be returned, but will be used as door prizes at our annual TEC meeting. Please send all coins to the Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Its a real honor to win that plaque so come on rollers why not try to win.

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Chester Rogers will roll elongated coins for any member or club. For more information an price, please write to him at P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Arkansas 72438. He also engraves a special coin such as Happy Birthday, Good Luck or Merry Christmas. These are one of a kind and he will tell you more about this if you write him.

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Burt Neal Levy had an elongated exhibit at the Northtown Branch Library in July. In August he had an exhibit at the Albany Park Library and in September at the Rogers Park Library, all in the far Northside section of Chicago. Keep up the good work Burt.

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Chuck Strickland and Sally Kirka exhibited their elongated coins at the A.N.A. convention. There were two other exhibits but I don't know whose they were. If the persons write and tell me whose they were, I will make a note of this in next issue of TEC NEWS.

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A belated Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to Bob Dadson and John Izzo of Carlstadt, N.J. Also a belated Happy Birthday to Dottie Dow.

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A very Happy 5th Anniversary to Steve and Alice Penzes. If you remember Steve and Alice were married at our TEC meeting at the ANA convention in St. Louis, Mo., five years ago August 21st. Many of the TECmembers attended this wedding and it will be long remembered.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

Steve and Alice Penzes home has been broken into for the second time in a year. This time they took many other things besides coins. Steve even had a new suit stolen that he was to wear to the convention. We are sorry to hear this and hope they catch those responsible so they can return some of the things they stole.

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Bill Martin from Santa Ana, Calif. presented a slide program on elongated coins, at the Anaheim Coin Club. Word was received from the program chairman that the members of the club had enjoyed it very much and it gave them all a better understanding of collecting elongated coins. Keep up the good work, Bill.

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Lloyd E. Wagaman sent a nice letter of thanks for the Presidents plaque he received from President Sally Kirka for the many jobs he has done for T.E.C. The pleasure was all ours Lloyd and we know that no one has worked harder than you. Thank you Lloyd.

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Remember the deadline to send in the coin to be judged for the best coin rolled for 1975, is March 31st. The coin must be issued in 1975 and not in the years before or it will be disqualified. The coins will be judged by the chairman and his committee and the award will be given at the TEC meeting at the ANA convention in New York. The coin must be rolled by the person entering the coin.

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FNS President Ruth Phillips has been collecting elongated coins for many years and told the history behind this most interesting collectible at the August meeting of her club. Ruth asked if any of the members had elongated coins around the house. Everyone at one time or another has purchased a coin at a fair, so Ruth asked the members to bring in the coins so they could put up an exhibit of them. She also said there were many members of FNS that collect the elongated coins. I hope they are members of TEC Ruth.

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The FNS Coin Club also held an Exonumia Night at one of their meeting nights and Don Finch of Visalia was the guest speaker and of course his talk was all about elongated coins.

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Sorry about TEC NEWS being a little late this time, but I don't get much rest in between issues. There's lots more to this job than just sitting down and typing. We arrived home from California the 26th of August and slept 16 hours and that was the last rest we got until the TEC NEWS is in the mail. We had articles to write and some to correct. We did what we could for TEC NEWS to get it done and in the mail. Would you believe we will have to start right in on the next issue of TEC NEWS. So no rest in sight for us.

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## COINS DONATED

The free elongated coin you receive with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Dottie Dow of Phoenix, Arizona. This is one of Dottie's well known handshake elongates. As people greet her and shake her hand at the ANA conventions she will palm her coin into your hand. She is well known for this and hundreds of people shake her hand at the convention to receive her coin. Thank you kindly Dottie, from the officers and members of TEC.



## HENRY BLAHA'S ELONGATES

by Ron Swenson TEC #285

Whitmore Lake, Mich.

I think it was back in 1968 or 1969 when I first met Henry W. Blaha at a coin show. He gave me one of his store card elongated coins for free. It didn't seem like it would happen to me, but Henry was giving them out to all who came by. I don't remember what other elongated coins he showed. Henry was always exhibiting elongated coins at the coin shows and was trying to get others interested in these elongated coins.

Later in the year I saw Henry W. Blaha around many of the other coin shows. One day he told me about Dottie Dow's book and I became quite interested in it. I made up my mind that I had to buy one and I was lucky to get one when I did.

A few years later Henry told me about "The Elongated Collectors" forming and asked me if I'd like to join. I didn't join right away, but when I did I became the 285th member to join.

When I joined Morton Grove Coin Club, I found out Henry Blaha was also a member of that club too. Henry seemed to be everywhere you went. Once when we got together, he got me started on collecting elongated coins on ships and boats, which I was very interested in. Henry gave me one called, "O God of the sea. O God thy sea is so great and my ship is so small by H.W.B." At that time I received 25 of these elongated pennies and used them as my store card, with my name labeled on the back. After I gave them away I never saw any more of them again.

I would like to know how many elongated coins Henry W. Blaha had made, so I could collect his set. I have 12 and I know of a few more he had made. I know some were made by Lloyd E. Wagaman and by others. I know his estate was sold by Ben Odesser and that Shel Green bought his old roller and most of his dies. What I would like to know is, how many different coins did Henry roll and how many dies did he have. If anyone can help me with some information about this, please write to Ron Swenson, P.O. Box 221, Whitmore Lake, Mich. 48189. I will try to make a list of his elongated coins and will write on what I come up with. I know some elongated coins have D.D. or L.W. and also Shel Green's number in Lee Martin's book, but there could be others.

## MY FIRST ELONGATED COIN

by Kazuma Oyama TEC #663

Wahiawa, Hawaii

"I received my first elongated coin as a door prize in June 1975. It was donated to our club by a Mr. Oyama, who gave a slide presentation on elongated coins at our meeting that night." Perhaps that's what someone will write in TEC NEWS, a few years from now. Well, I can dream can't I?

President of MEC and a TEC member, Burton Levy airmailed me his elongated coins slide presentation and I showed it to three of the four coin clubs on the Island of Oahu. On successive evenings of June 17 and 18, I showed the slides to 25 regular and junior members of the Mililani Central Oahu Coin Club and 68 regular and junior members of the Area Coin Club which meets at Hickam Air Force Base, adjacent to Pearl Harbor. On June 30, I showed the slides to 25 members, including 9 juniors of the Kailu Koin Klub. I wasn't able to recruit any members for TEC or MEC, but the slides created quite a bit of interest in elongated coins and elicited such comments as,

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"so that's how elongated coins are made." "How much does it cost to make a die?" "Are the coins hand fed?" "How much does the older elongated cost?" The most frequent comment, "thank you, that was a very interesting presentation", makes the time, effort and small cost involved all worthwhile. By the way, Burt Levy does not charge a fee for the use of the slides. Its the cost of airmail postage and insurance that he asks. Burt provides a real good narrative with the slides so even a novice collector like me was able to make a fairly good presentation.

Now coming back to my opening line, I gave an elongated coin as a junior member door prize at each presentation. These were extras of George Washington and President Ford that I had. Some day I hope these elongated coins will serve as a nucleus for a collection.

## PEOPLE ARE WONDERFUL

by Harold Anderson TEC #483  
Caro, Michigan

I received my first issue of elongated coins this year and I passed them out to some of my friends here in Michigan. As many of these friends have never seen an elongated coin, the first thing that came to their mind was, was it laid on the railroad tracks? They then would ask me how the printing got on the penny. I would try to explain a little of how the elongated coins were made, such as you have to have a die made which is put into a rolling machine, where the coins were rolled.

I have only seen two rolling machines. One was a hand rolling machine and the other one was the electric one that was in Boston in 1973 at the A.N.A. convention. It was there at our TEC meeting where every member had a chance to make his or her own coin, by putting the penny into the machine and the machine did the rest.

More and more coin dealers are now having elongated coins to sell at coin shows. Its almost a pleasure to go to a coin show and be able to buy a few elongated coins. I am sure 1976, our bi-centennial year will be a lucky year for us collectors. With so many rollers making some special elongated coins for this special event, we the collectors will be able to buy some real good ones for our collection.

I hope we have some nice elongated exhibits at the A.N.A. convention, as its always nice to see what other members are collecting. Each year more and more members seem to bring their exhibits. Maybe next year even I will be able to have a nice exhibit of my elongated coins. Anyhow heres hoping.

At the A.N.A. convention we will have met many of our nice TEC friends that we see each year. What a nice memory we have of them of years gone by. Each year when we get home we start saving for the next convention, so you can see how much this friendship means to Alice and I. This year in California at the A.N.A. 84th convention we expect to meet many more TEC friends from California. To Alice and I, it will be a great pleasure to meet the new and the old TEC friends. Its almost a shame we couldn't meet more often. When you stop and think some of these people have traveled many, many miles to be together again for just a few short days. To me that is what I call real FRIENDSHIP.

I will have to say this again, my hat goes off to, two wonderful people in Manchester, Connecticut for the wonderful job and many long hours that these two people put into the TEC NEWS. Thank you Sally and Al Kirka.

## THE 1975 PROMOTIONAL AWARD - by Lloyd Wagaman



The 1975 nickels finally became available and the 1975 promotional award coins have been rolled and mailed to all that have earned them. Since the listing in last issue of TEC NEWS there have been 40 additional presentations made. Coins listed in this issue are numbered from #66 thru #105. All are for TEC NEWS ar-

ticles except #66 thru #13 and also #97 and #105 which are for events other than TEC NEWS articles.

## Awards listed as follows:-

- 66 - Barbara Izzo #662 - - - - - Speaking and Display
- 67 - Burton Neal Levy #499 - - - - - Display
- 68 - Burton Neal Levy #499 - Pub. article (Morton Grove Coin Teller)
- 69 - Marvin A. Burnette #565 - - - - - Display
- 70 - C.J. Meccarello #40 - - Pub. article (Canadian Hobby
- 71 - C.J. Meccarello #40 - - - - - Display
- 72 - Abe Geffer #121 - - - - - Display and Lecture
- 73 - James R. Davisson #559 - - - - - Slide program

## TEC NEWS ARTICLES

- 74 - From the Presidents Desk - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
- 75 - The Elusive Elongated Search - - - - - Richard Townsend #365
- 76 - Hawaiian Elongated - - - - - Kazuma Oyama #663
- 77 - Exposition Logos - - - - - Michael Pender #281
- 78 - My First Elongated Cent - - - - - Marvin Burnette #565
- 79 - Rockville High School - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
- 80 - Hunting an Unknown Roller - - - - - Eric Goodwin #520
- 81 - A Letter to Our President - - - - - Frank Galindo #672
- 82 - The Hero, Me - - - - - O. Wilson Morgan #183
- 83 - Florida, The Sunshine State - - - - - Ruby Threlkeld #202
- 84 - A Second N.J. Elongated - - - - - Jack Wilcox #332
- 85 - Why Not Elongateds - - - - - Carmen Ditttrich #671
- 86 - Visiting Morton Grove Coin Show - - - - - Ron Swenson #285
- 87 - TEC Meeting in Los Angeles - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
- 88 - The 23rd Psalm - - - - - Alberta Wagaman #165
- 89 - Looking Ahead - - - - - Harold Anderson #483
- 90 - A Letter to the Secretary - - - - - Lyle Brooks #688
- 91 - Our Sally is Still Around - - - - - David Singer #423
- 92 - Research of the Maccabees - - - - - O. Wilson Morgan #183
- 93 - Happy to be a Member-- - - - - Ed Black #359
- 94 - Unlisted Directory - - - - - Bob Callander #307
- 95 - Beginners Help is for the Asking - - - - - Jack Wilcox #332
- 96 - The Frustration of a Roller- - - - - Chester Rogers #515
- 97 - Bill Martin #295 - - - - - Slide Program
- 98 - Nomination Article - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
- 99 - Nomination Article - - - - - Ruby Threlkeld #202
- 100- Nomination Article - - - - - Al Kirka #450
- 101- Nomination Article - - - - - Chester Grabowski #512
- 102- Nomination Article - - - - - John Gubata #666
- 103- Nomination Article - - - - - Harold Anderson #483
- 104- Nomination Article - - - - - Richard Townsend #365
- 105- Fredric Mantei #545 - - - - - Display



## HOW I FEEL ABOUT OUR HOBBY

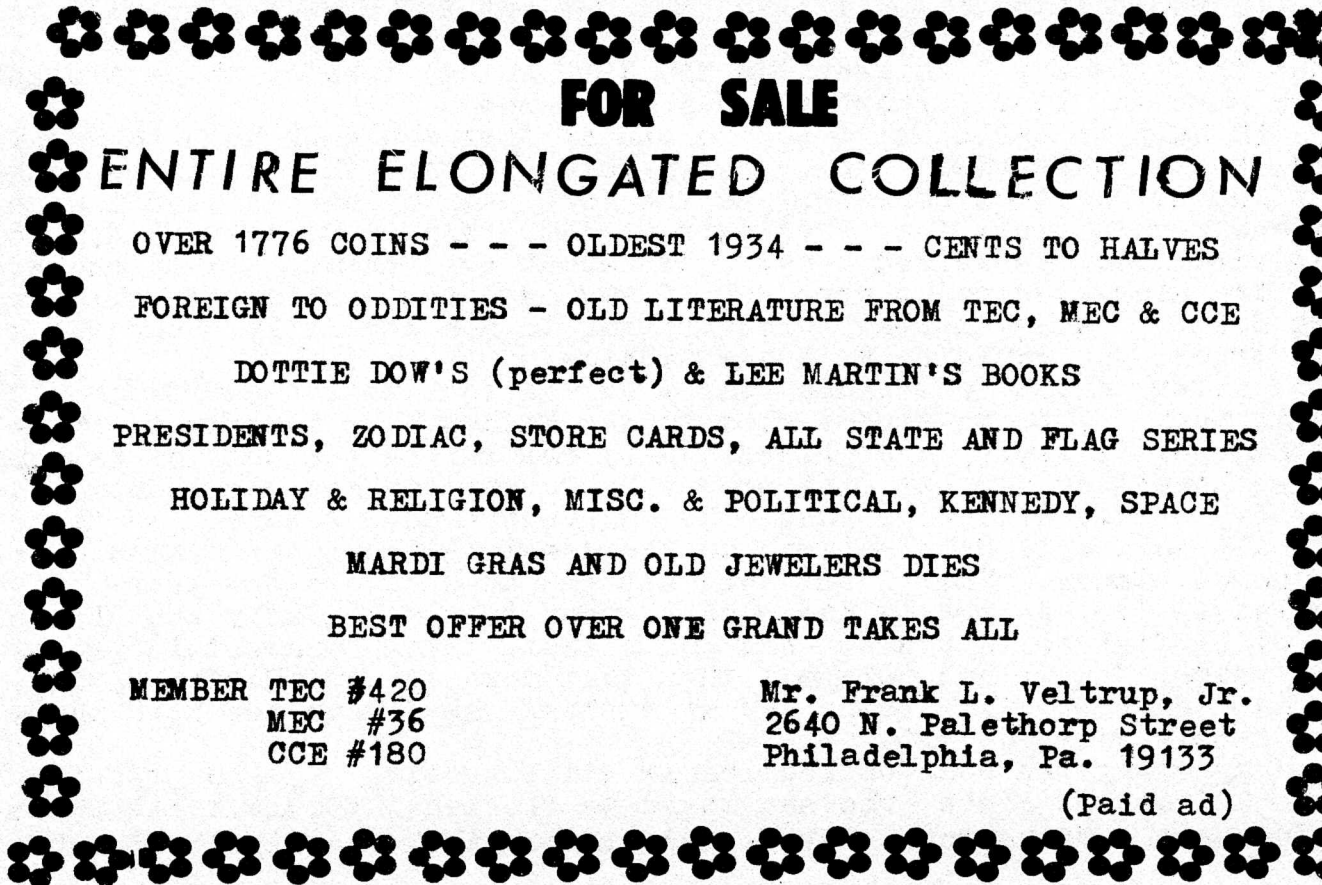
by Gary Glise TEC #664  
Rochester, N.Y.

I love our little hobby, even with its faults. It is the kind of hobby that you can't complete in six months, or maybe not in sixty years. I love it just the same, because of all the nice people that you come in contact with.

Sometimes dealers don't mind taking a little extra time to talk to you. He will tell you a few stories of how he once had a paper bag, or a large cardboard box full of them, but I don't know what ever happened to them now. Now he thinks back and tells you he might have sold them all for about \$10.00, back in 1956 or 1957. Then he tells you oh ya, there must have been 5, 6 700 of them. Or maybe a fellow collector who will tell you of how it took him years of collecting to find a fairly good common one, but he found the real hard to find one for only 50 or 75¢, back in 1945 or 1950.

Now a days with everyone looking for the older elongated coins its almost next to impossible to get a bargain. Some of the dealers have jacked up their price on all elongated coins. They will put any price on the coins as long as we pay the high prices. We can still get some good bargains on the modern coins now being made.

I see a time within the next five or ten years when our hobby will really come into its own and be more popular than ever. With a fine group of people backing the collector like me, I'm sure we all have a head start on this hobby of collecting elongated coins. With all the fine people we have in it, lets say in T.E.C. alone, we will keep this hobby going on forever. Its nice also to write letters to our president and the many members of TEC to show them how much we care.



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## MY COLLECTION IS GROWING

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662  
Carlstadt, N.J.

Since I've started collecting elongated coins, my collection has been growing within the last few weeks. I've received many free coins from different TEC members. It's nice to receive the coins and I do appreciate this very much. I also have bought many elongated coins that I have seen in the ads in TEC NEWS. As I'm new at collecting coins, I just recently bought my first older coin, a 1939 New York Worlds Fair penny. I have Bob Dadson to thank for helping me to buy that coin.

I bought some off center elongated coins at our Northern Valley Coin Club Auction. I know there're not really errors, but I like to collect them too. As I bought them very cheap, I bought myself a few. Can always make an exhibit of them too.

Bob Dadson, who is a TEC member retired this past June. At his retirement party Bob surprised everyone by having an elongated coin and passed them out to all his friends. As my husband John, another TEC member was retiring too, I had an elongated coin made for him. It didn't take John long to start passing them around to his friends too. This coin was a surprise to John from me. Thanks again to Bob Dadson for helping me in ordering these coins and thanks to Chester Rogers for making them.

I received two 1975 nickels from Lloyd Wagaman for exhibiting and giving a talk in one of my coin clubs. My name was sent in by Bob Dadson so this award came as a pleasant surprise to me. I appreciated these coins very much and want to thank Lloyd Wagaman for the beautiful coins. I enjoyed getting the free coins with the TEC NEWS and I thank Chester Rogers for the last coin we received with the July issue.

I would like to say I also enjoyed our TEC NEWS and appreciate the hard work that Sally and Al Kirka are doing for us members. I know that its a job to keep the TEC NEWS going. I enjoy the articles very much and look forward to each new issue.

In July we called up Sally to see if they would be home the next day, so we could visit them. Sally said yes that they would be home and for us to come on over. So the next day my husband and I were on our way to visit the President of TEC. What a wonderful day we had visiting. We talked about just about everything. Sally showed how the elongated coins were rolled and even let John and I roll our own coins. This was really interesting to see and Sally showed us a few tricks you could do with her machine.

Later in the afternoon Sally and Al took us for a ride around their town. Then we took a ride to the Nathan Hale homestead, where Nathan Hale's family once lived. Sally has rolled the coin of Nathan Hales homestead and has made some P.N. Covers and had them cancelled the day of his birthday, June 6th. They were made special, so these are all sold out. We also went to the cemetery where the Nathan Hale Monument stands. This I was told was put on a coin a few years ago, by Dottie Dow. We really had such a grand time with Sally and Al and we still feel as though we had known them, these wonderful people for years. Yet we had only met them that morning for the first time. No one can ever fill Sally and Al's shoes as I know how hard these two people work for TEC.

My elongated coin collection is still growing, I also received a coin from Ed Black who had moved to Florida. Ed Black had these coins made for the coin club he had started there lately. Paul Aubry

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## MY COLLECTION IS GROWING

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was another man who had sent me a few coins. So you see not only is my collection growing, but I'm making friends with many nice TEC members.

I try to exhibit my elongated coins as often as I can and I'm now working on another new exhibit for the fall season. I don't always win, but it's still fun trying to win. I also collect wooden money and coins and medals, but I think my elongated coins are extra special in my heart. I'm really proud to be a member of TEC.

## INDEX CARDS BRIGHTEN DISPLAY

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332  
North Brunswick, N.J.



Our coin club held a display night at our June meeting. Naturally my display had to be elongated coins. I used 17 elongated coins, two dies, two rough hand drawn sketches, one artists sketch and the letter heads from L.P. Engravers and Cee Ceven Elongates. I arranged this, using the unlined side of four large and three small Index cards, which really brightened up my display case. The large cards read as follows:

- (1) Making your own personal elongated coin can be fun! The cost runs roughly \$65.00 for 200 pennies. A working design can be had with a little experimenting. The engraving company does the finished artwork and only requires your ideas, they are glad to help you. Keep your lettering at a minimum, the finished die is small. Practice making large designs, then reduce the size to compare. Try it, you may like it. Our 1975 Christmas Personal coin is on order from Cee Ceven Elongates.
- (2) 1971 Christmas personal elongated coins. Engraving die by Cee Ceven Elongates. Four piece set, one hand painted, one on local token, Paulus Dairy.(unique) Six elongated coins shown.
- (3) 1973 Christmas Personal Elongated coin. Engraving die by L.P. Engravers. Five piece set, one hand painted. Six elongated coins shown.
- (4) 1974 Christmas personal elongated coin. Engraving die by Cee Ceven Elongates. Four piece set. Four elongates shown.

Small cards read as follows:

- (1) My design for the 1975 State Convention N.J. Letter Carriers, Atlantic City, N.J. Engraving die by L.P. Engravers. 201, 1975D pennies rolled. Elongated coin shown.
- (2) Canceled die for 1971 elongated coin by Cee Ceven. (Die Shown).
- (3) Uncanceled die for 1974 elongated coin by Cee Ceven (Die Shown)

Next I used the artist sketch for our 1974 coin and also Peg's rough drawings to show how the engravers do the important work. I also included rough drawings for my 1973 "Jack the Mailman" personal elongated coin, showing how I used the rubber stamp figure for my idea. Made large and final size sketches for comparisons.

With only four different designs and a total of 17 elongated coins, my display won first prize. I believe the white Index cards did the trick.

SEND YOUR TEC NEWS ARTICLES IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS NOV. 7th - ARTICLES NOV. 11th

## OUR HOBBY OF COLLECTING

by Ron Swenson TEC #285  
Whitmore Lake, Mich.

I just received a letter in the mail from Dr. Saul Needleman, who is now the past president of the I.N.S.I. Coin Club. He is also the president of the Morton Grove Coin Club. In his letter were three elongated coins from the I.N.S.I., Jan. 19, 1975 awards and installation dinner, which was held in Chicago, Illinois. The elongated coins are called Needleman - D.D.-I.N.S.I. Of all the coins rolled, only thr 1974 pennies are left. If anyone would like to buy one of these elongated coins, you may do so by writing to S. Needleman, M.G.C.C., P.O. Box 43, Morton Grove, Ill. 60053, with a S.S.A.E. and 75¢ for each coin.

Of the three elongated coins I received one of the coins was a little bit off. As I collect errors too, I added this to my collection. The one that was rolled out perfect with date and I.N.S.I., had an oil lamp and Menora design and Dottie Dows D.D. I don't know just how many of these pennies were rolled. I know that Saul had 20 rolled on 1974 dimes, which he paid for himself. Seven of these were given to his Board members. He also sent me one and said the rest of these dimes are not for sale. He also had three rolled on 5 agorot of Israel. Saul kept one for himself, gave one to Dottie Dow and the third one he gave to the President of A.I.N.A. There were also 25 pieces rolled in which the Menoch and oil lamp were silver plated. He didn't tell me who these were for, but I think he gave them out to the members of the club. As far as he knows these are the only coins made of this design.

Shel Green, an engraver and roller of elongated coins has a new catalog out, or will have one soon. Anyhow that is what I was told. Shel Green is the roller who has, or had most of Henry Blaha's dies. He has destroyed most all of them.

Burton Levy has a board of errors, or off center rolled elongated coins, which he has exhibited at the M.G.C.C. sometime ago. Two or three members of TEC who are also members of the Morton Grove Coin Club gave a talk of how the coins were rolled, or off rolled etc. I think most of the errors, or off rolled were from Pontiac Press of Warick, Rhode Island. I also gave Burt a couple of coins that I had from there.

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# LOS ANGELES

## *Convention Badges*

### *\$2.30* EACH

The badges from the Los Angeles convention are now available from the secretary. As usual these are all rolled on quarters. The art work on this years badge was by Sally Kirka. The engraving, rolling and drilling of ring holes was done by Bob Luchtman. The ribbons were bought by TEC and assembled by Sally Kirka.

Badges are also available from all past years except 1967 and 1972 and may be ordered from the secretary for \$2.30 each. Write to Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040



## MY SPECIAL THANKS - TO MANY

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
La Marque, Texas

Since the year of 1975 for "THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS" club is drawing to a close, as historian for the club and keeper of the ARCHIVES, I would like to express my special thanks to the many members. Without their kind help and the thoughtfulness of some of our members, our records would not be as complete as they are. I am of the opinion that every club should keep a history of its activities, so the future members may know of the many past achievements and try for greater things.

These are the many members who have sent in their personal store card elongated coins for the archives, Chester Rogers, Arkansas, Harold and Alice Anderson, Michigan; Robert Dadson, New Jersey; Kurt R. Kreuger, Wisconsin; Richard Townsend, New York; John and Barbara Izzo, New Jersey; Sally and Al Kirka, Manchester, Connecticut; Ruby Threlkeld, La Marque, Texas.

Other TEC members who have sent in elongated coins or newspaper clippings were, Elmer Anderson, Rhode Island; John Spadone, Miami, Florida; Grace Morrison, Ohio; George Kesterson, Texas; Steve and Alice Penzes, Michigan; Dottie Dow, Arizona; and Frank Galindo of Texas. Thank you all for helping me out.

I will be looking forward to meeting many of the TEC club members when we all meet in Los Angeles, California, at the A.N.A. convention in August. I know our president Sally Kirka, has a good program planned for all of us. Be sure and attend this meeting if at all possible. Bring all your spares and try trading with others. It can be fun, so why not try it.

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Frank Galindo TEC #672  
San Antonio, Texas

We hope your 4th of July holiday was enjoyable, as ours was. On the morning of the 4th we left San Antonio and traveled to northeast Texas to a small town called Canton. Located there is the largest flea market in Texas and possibly in the United States. We spent Friday and Saturday there and boy how tired we were. In between times walking around the flea market, we visited antique shops in the surrounding towns. We found some very interesting items, but only two "overpriced" elongated coins. So they were bypassed by us.

Sunday morning we drove to Dallas to other flea markets and antique shops. That afternoon we drove to Grand Prairie and Arlington to "Six Flags Over Texas". It's like a small scale Disneyland. The shows were great, especially the Dolphins. On the way back home we again stopped at antique shops along the way. This time we did find a 1936 elongated Lords Prayer, OTE-5 at one of the shops. In Dallas we found two others, so in all we found three Lords Prayer elongated coins, all new varieties to our collection.

About the coin dealers at coin shows, certainly they are necessary, just as are the collectors. We have written to nine different coin shows inquiring about exhibits. Three shows were in other states and six were in Texas. Eight of them will have no exhibits and one is having non-competitive exhibits. That one is in Houston, so we are going to attend, even though it is non-competitive. All the shows we wrote to were advertised in Coin World. On page 8 in the July 16th issue of Coin World, there is an article entitled "Bourse, Exhibits Exchange Roles". It's food for thought!

THANK YOU

by Glen Tye TEC #630  
Laurence Harbor, N.J.

I have written one article for the TEC NEWS paper and I have to commend those people who can write an article for almost every publication of the TEC NEWS.

It takes me several days and many pieces of paper to write an article. I do however urge every member new and old to sit down and write an article for the TEC NEWS. This quarterly newspaper really depends upon the stories the members send in, which makes very interesting reading. I for one read over the TEC NEWS several times, file them away in a binder for further reference.

Being a TEC member has helped me in collecting elongated coins. For instance at first I didn't know what to collect, but after reading several articles about specializing in only a few types of elongated coins such as trains, National Parks, airplanes, or any other coin that strikes my fancy. I now have a collection in what I like.

Another thing that has helped me, are coin shows where elongated coins have been displayed. I look at them very carefully, because not having any books about elongated coins to see exactly what is available. I can actually see the elongated coins and the ones I like, I add to my want list. Then begins the search for the coin like it for my collection.

I have been collecting elongated coins for about two years and thanks to TEC articles and many helpful members of TEC, my collection is growing. Thank you everyone.

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## NOTICE

The president and all the officers of TEC would like to thank these members for their generosity of donating coins to TEC to be used for door prizes, or as give aways at our TEC meeting in Los Angeles, California. We will list the names below. If we did not list your name, please let us know and we will gladly make sure that everyone knows of this. A special thanks goes to these members from all of us. I did not list the people that gave coins on their own as many of the members did this too. The members that gave coins to me were:-

Lloyd E. Wagaman  
Alberta Wagaman  
Chester Rogers  
Elmer Anderson  
Sally Kirka  
Al Kirka

Abe Gefter  
Don Finch  
Burton Neal Levy  
John Spadone  
Dottie Dow  
Richard Townsend

Leonard Schneider  
Robert Gordon  
Phyllis Duncan  
Harold Anderson  
Alice Anderson

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## NOTICE!

TEC dues starting January 1st will now be \$5.00 per year. The few that have paid \$3.00 in advance for their 1976 dues will be billed for the additional \$2.00. All 1976 dues must be paid by March 31st 1976, if dues are not paid by then they will be dropped from the membership list until dues are paid. This may cause a loss of a coin, or even a TEC NEWS, as when they are gone, we have no more. So send in your dues as early as possible, or starting January 1st.



## UNKNOWN ROLLER FINALLY FOUND

by Eric Goodwin TEC #520  
Santa Ana, Calif.



ZIP 92704

After more than four years of inquiry and patient waiting, I have finally located the unknown roller that I had heard so much about from my in-laws who had visited the Indio Date Festival four years ago. He had only rolled that one year at the Indio Date Festival, but I have since learned that he has rolled at the Busch Gardens, in Los Angeles, Cali-

fornia; The Queen Mary, Long Beach, Magic Mountain, Valencia, Marineland, San Pedro, Fishermans Wharf, San Francisco; Cliff House and Seal Rocks, San Francisco; Golden Gate and Bay Bridges, San Francisco; two years at the Arizona State Fair in Phoenix, Arizona. His name is Michael P. Bryant and he calls himself the "Penny Pincher". His business address is, 7947 McNutty Ave., Canoga Park, Cal. 91304.

Since my last article for our TEC NEWS, two members of TEC have written to me asking about him. One of these members had taken photos of his rolling machine at the Fisherman's Wharf and had sent me two nice photos. The other member said, he had just missed by one day seeing him at the Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, Calif. I have informed Mr. Bryant about the TEC organization and about the A.N.A. convention in Los Angeles in August, so perhaps when this issue of the TEC NEWS appears, some of you may have seen him at the annual TEC meeting at the convention.

I think that it is quite interesting that for some unknown reason this man who has rolled so many coins at so many, many different places has still remained unknown to the TEC members for such a long period of time.

(Editors Note:- At this writing Mr. Bryant hasn't joined TEC, but we are hoping he will do so soon. I think many of the TEC members would love to get some of his elongated coins.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

The 1975 TEC badges will still be \$2.30 each postpaid, but the 1976 TEC Badges will cost \$3.00 at the Convention and \$3.30 each postpaid after the A.N.A. convention in New York. Also, we are now taking orders for the 1976 TEC BADGES and will only make as many as are ordered by the deadline of March 31st 1976. The reason for this is the cost of making these badges has gone up and we don't sell enough to even pay the cost of making them. After we make so many, members don't buy them. So after talking this over at the Board meeting we will now make as many as have been ordered by March 31st. You have almost five months now to put in your order. Why wait for the last minute, do it now. Send in your order and how many you want, to the Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. No extras will be made and only those that order them will get them. This way we know all the badges will be sold out.

We still have some badges from 1968-1969-1970-1971-1973 and 1974. These badges will still be sold at \$2.30 each until they are gone. You can buy more than one of these, of any year.

We have plenty of the 1975 badges left at \$2.30 each also. So if you want one, send in your check and order now.

SEND YOUR TEC NEWS ARTICLES IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

## HAPPY MEMORIES

by Richard Townsend TEC #365  
Rochester, N.Y.

The 84th ANA convention is now just a group of memories to those of us who had attended. Some of mine are:-

Walking down to the lobby and finding "Sally's Corner" with the Kirka's, Ruby Threlkeld, and the Penzes in attendance and establishing the area as our "Base of Operations" for the week to come. Several hours later, after many hours of talking, it was off to bed to cure my jet lag!

I was up early Tuesday and off to Universal Studios to have my last illusions of movies dashed to bits. Later, we were off to Disneyland which should be a two week tour by itself, and not a 4½ hour looksee tour. It was fabulous!

Back at the hotel, I ran into Chuck Strickland and several other old acquaintances. Still later I ran into Dottie Dow and Harold Schmal in the TAMS hospitality room, where we chatted till bedtime came in the form of yawns.

Wednesday, Dottie Dow and I toured the Farmer's Market, enjoying a pasta lunch there and gasping at the prices - YIPES!

Thursday was a "SNAFU DAY", I belong to SPAN and had purchased a lunch ticket sometime before. Having to leave early for another meeting, I never did return, losing out on my lunch and a raffle prize as well. Nuts!

IOWMC meeting conflicting with SPAN, drew many TEC members after which we were driven to Pomona for a banquet. It ran a bit long, but very enjoyable.

TAMS meeting was Friday a.m. and TEC meeting in the p.m. Dottie Dow of course is the president of TAMS and a smooth meeting ensued. TEC meeting was over-flowing and gratifying and Sally Kirka is the president of TEC as you all know. I was elected to the Board of Directors and for that honor, my thanks to all the members. We had a nice crowd, but in the meantime lets work for an even larger turnout in New York in 1976.

TAMS lunch Saturday and the closing banquet Sunday night rounded out the official events for me. A long tiring, but always an enjoyable week. Remember - its New York in 76 and TEC'S 10th Anniversary, join us then.

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## NOTICE

Anyone exhibiting elongated coins at any time during the rest of the year please write and let me know. (Sally Kirka) As of this writing I do not know who will be the head of which committee. Right now we are trying to get the TEC NEWS in the mail, as that comes first. I will take care of things as we go along. As the Awards Committee is a big job, I will divide this job into three groups. The Literary Chairman will just take care of picking out the best article in TEC NEWS. The best coin rolled of the year will be picked out by another person.

As to the Promotional Award coins, I will be in charge of this. Lloyd again has said he will roll the coins for 1976 at cost to TEC. With Lloyd E. Wagaman rolling the coins you can bet it will be a very nice coin. The same rules will be followed for next year for the Promotional Award coin as it was in the past. In the last four years Lloyd E. Wagaman has donated all the Promotional coins to the TEC members and that went for the postage too. Thank you Lloyd from all of us. It was people like this that has kept TEC going on \$3.00 dues a year up to now.



## Obituary

The officers and members of TEC would like to express our deepest and sincerest sympathy to Lloyd and Albert Wagaman on the loss of their beloved father Louie E. Wagaman, TEC #513, of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Louie E. Wagaman was 83 years of age when he passed away on May 31, 1975.

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We also lost another member, Lewis D. Zessin TEC #586, who passed away in June 1975. The officers and members of TEC express our deepest sympathy to his family. Mr. Zessin was from Indianapolis, Indiana. It would be nice if members would send these families a card, if they haven't already done so. Its never too late to send a card and show that we do care.

### GIFTS TO THE TEC ARCHIVES

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
Historian Chairman

From now on I will have a report in the TEC NEWS about all the elongated coins etc. donated for the TEC Archives, or things given for the TEC scrapbook.

At the ANA convention in Los Angeles in August several of our TEC members shared their elongated coins with the Historian for the TEC Archives. This is appreciated and a special thanks go to the following:-

The 1974 Assay Commission elongated coin from Fred G. Mantei, a wedding elongated coin - 1975 (Jenny and Mike) from Margo Russell, a General Douglas McArthur elongated coin from Robert Gordon, a handshake elongated coin - 1975 from Dottie Dow, an ANA convention - Los Angeles elongated coin from TEC President Sally Kirka and Secretary Al Kirka, a Freedom is Fragile - Please - Handle with Prayer elongated coin from Richard Townsend, Space Needle - Seattle - 1962 a Bicentennial - San Francisco, Golden Gate Exposition, Lords Prayer, Golden Gate Bridge, all these from our new member Leonard Schneider, Mid Continental Coins Inc. - Kansas City, Mo. elongated coin from Ruby Threlkeld, This Bottle Stood with Troops at Gettysburg elongated coin from Chester M. Rogers. He also donated Birthplace of Washington's Navy - Beverly, Mass. We now have a very nice collection of elongated coins for the TEC Archives book. These are kept in a separate book and the elongated coins that are made special for TEC are in another book.

## NOTICE!

An up to date membership list will be sent to all members. It is now in the planning stage. Some members do not want their address to be published. If you want your name to be with-held from the list please write to the Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. The new membership list hopefully will go out with the July issue of TEC NEWS after the March 31st dues payment deadline, as dues must be paid by that date in order not to become delinquent.

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL FROM THE OFFICERS OF TEC

## NEW MEMBERS

TEC#	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	
692	Leonard Schneider	826 - 47 Ave., Apt. #4	San Francisco, Cal.	94121
693	Robert Gordon	195 Riviera Drive	San Rafael, Calif.	94901
694	Indy Martin	P.O. Box 1411	Santa Ana, Calif.	92702
695	Helen I. Bernauer	3773 Second Ave.	Detroit, Mich.	48201
696	Larry Ivers	P.O. Box 1731	San Jose, Calif.	95109

## REINSTATED

189	James L. Betton, Jr.	P.O. Box 533	Santa Monica, Calif.	90406
615	Calvin L. Neal	125 East 4th Ave.	Jerome, Idaho	83338
591	Sandra Hammond	22 Scotch Pine Dr.	Voorheesville, N.Y.	12186

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

41	Elton Parsons	3014 Howard Ave.	Atlantic City, N.J.	08401
644	Harry Flower	3 Wheaton Center	Wheaton, Illinois	60187
39	Ralph Wright	Trail West, #92	Piedmont, S.D.	57769
654	Elnora Wright	Trail West, #92	Piedmont, S.D.	57769
688	Lyle Brooks	Box 151	Ainsworth, Nebr.	69210

## MANY THANKS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Al and I would like to thank our many friends for all the nice gifts we had received at the ANA convention in Los Angeles, California. I have received many different things such as beautiful medals, a few very nice P.N. Covers and some very nice necklaces. I received a few very nice owls for my collection. I think almost all TEC members are now collectin owls. I also received many different pieces of wooden money and can truthfully say I can fill a show case with them. It was a job bringing these things home without breaking them but we made it home alright without breaking a thing.

As to the elongated coins we received that was really something. Some of the elongated coins were really outstanding. I think Margo Russell of Coin World was the first to say, "Sally I have a coin for you from my daughters wedding". I was real pleased and happy to receive this one, thank you Margo. I think just about everyone who made a coin and was there at the convention gave us one of their elongated coins. For this Al and I are very grateful to all.

I even received a nice coin set from Fred Mantei and I know he only had a few sets made. Dottie Dow handed me a bag full and said, "Here's some I know you don't have." What do you say to people that are so nice to you?

The day of our TEC meeting I think we hit the jack pot as when we met Lenny Schneider and Bob Gordon they handed us some real beauties of elongated coins. Mr. Gordon has been rolling elongated coins for over 40 years. Can you just picture the coins that man must have. What a nice list of unlisted elongated coins he must have. All I can say is that we were lucky to have so many friends and we are grateful to each and everyone for giving us some of their nice coins for our collection. Many thanks to you all.

GOT ANY GOOD ARTICLES FOR TEC NEWS? DON'T WAIT, SEND THEM IN NOW.